

APPROVED: Meeting No. 38-91

ATTEST: *Sharon Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 37-91

October 21, 1991

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on October 21, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepian (Mayor Pro Tem)

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

ABSENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan (Business Travel)

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Councilmember Hovsepian was designated as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting of October 21, 1991.

Re: Public Hearing: Application  
to Close and Abandon Public  
Way, SCA-63-91, Rockville Pike  
Properties/Rocca Limited  
Partnership, Applicant

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council conducted a public hearing on Application to Close and Abandon Public Way, SCA-63-91, to abandon Halpine Avenue between Chapman Avenue and Rockville Pike, an area containing 16,205 square feet. The Mayor Pro Tem and Council

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heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks, until the close of business on November 4, 1991.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor Pro Tem opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Bob Slovic, 9 Dairyfield Court, referenced the recently released Cabin John Creek Stormwater Management Facility Environmental Study and noted the viable alternatives set forth therein to the Cabin John Lake. He asked what the deadline is for comments and/or questions to be addressed by the consultant.

The City Manager responded that staff will be developing a number of questions that require clarification and will attempt to submit these in writing to the consultant within a week to ten days. This should be sufficiently in advance of the proposed November 12 meeting to provide the consultant with adequate preparation time.

Mr. Slovic commented that the recommendation of alternatives is going to require work on the City's part and a revisit of current policy.

For those not familiar with this topic, Councilmember Marrinan advised that the report released last week, which is over 200 pages in length, sets forth a number of policy options in dealing with the question of development of the Cabin John Lake. An in-depth analysis will be required, and there is a substantial amount of work the City must do over the next couple of months. He urged interested individuals to pick up a copy and read it as public input is encouraged.

In response to Councilmember Coyle's question, the City Manager advised that the November 12 meeting will be in the form of a public informational meeting and there will be ample opportunity to ask questions of and dialogue with the consultant.

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There being no other citizens wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

Councilmember Marrinan referenced a letter from the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department notifying the City of the election of a new fire chief, John T. Ferguson. Chief Ferguson is undertaking a major responsibility and will be required to take a leadership role in addressing the issue of the fire tax district.

Department of Animal Control and Humane Treatment

The new director of this department has indicated that the County will be revising its animal control laws over the next year and will take Rockville's new law under consideration during this process.

Pinneberg Trip Report

Councilmember Coyle congratulated Don Vandrey, Public Information Officer, on his recent trip to Pinneberg, noting that he had accomplished quite a bit of work during this visit.

Halloween Young Run

In response to Councilmember Coyle's question regarding the age group for this event, the City Manager advised that it is for children 12 and under. Older children and adults may participate in the 10K and 3K events on October 27.

First "Meet Your Inspector" Meeting

Councilmember Coyle noted that this is a great idea, and the City Manager responded that it is a pioneering concept which has been well received.

1991 Antique and Classic Car Show

The staff was complimented by Councilmember Marrinan for coordinating such an outstanding event. There were over 500 entries, and the event was well attended.

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Re: New Business

Councilmember Robbins noted that, on Saturday, he had participated in the dedication of the Jacquelin Williams Park which is located at S. Adams and W. Jefferson Streets. The park will be a great tribute to her as an historian and preservationist.

The City Manager responded to questions raised by Councilmember Marrinan regarding the November deadline for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Application.

Re: Next Meeting

Semifinalists of the National Merit Scholarship Program, National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students, and National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program will be recognized at the October 28 meeting. Proceeds from the Oktoberfest will be presented to the Rockville Sister City Corporation and the Montgomery County Special Olympics. There will also be a presentation of the final report of the West End Traffic Management Advisory Group, discussion regarding strategy for the County Council Public Safety Committee meeting regarding Fire and Rescue Services, and approval of projects and funding levels for the Community Development Block Grant Application to Montgomery County.

Councilmember Coyle suggested inviting officials of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department to next week's meeting for the discussion of the Council Public Safety Committee meeting regarding Fire and Rescue Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Hovsepian also noted the arrival of a group of students from Rockville's sister city, Pinneberg, Germany, and the Burgermeister, Jan Nevermann, on Tuesday. The primary purpose of the Burgermeister's visit is the dedication of the Pinneberg sculpture scheduled for Saturday at noon at Welsh Park. Also on the calendar for Saturday is a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Community Action Team and the final day of the Farmers Market.

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Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on October 28, 1991, or at the call of the Mayor.